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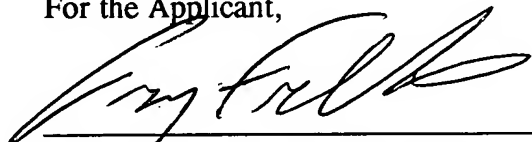
Claims 15-26 redraft original claims 1-12 (with new claim 15 corresponding to original claim 1, new claim 16 corresponding to original claim 2, etc.) to remove multiple dependencies and better conform the claims to United States practice.

Claims 27-33 are new apparatus claims which find support in original claims 9-13 and in the drawings of the application.

An Abstract page is also submitted, with the Abstract being taken from the WO 03/079880 publication of the PCT priority application.

No new matter has been added to the application by these amendments, and the application is now ready for examination on the merits. If any questions regarding the application arise, please contact the undersigned attorney. Telephone calls related to this application are welcomed and encouraged. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments relating to this application to deposit account number 18-2055.

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ABSTRACT

An apparatus (1) and method for restoration of hook/loop attachment materials (8) which apparatus (1) includes a rake with a set of teeth (2) that match the separation widths of rows of the hooks of the attachment materials. There is also disclosed a second set of teeth (3) that are aligned behind the first set (2) to typically pick up debris lifted but not removed by the first set of teeth (2).